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# PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The seventeenth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 5 to 23 January 1998. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 5 January 1998 at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the seventeenth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its seventeenth session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 13 to 17 October 1997.

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention.

4. Consideration of reports of States parties.

5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies.

6. Methods of work of the Committee.

7. Future meetings of the Committee.

8. Other matters.

9. Biennial report of the Committee on its activities.

## Annotations

### Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

### Item 2. Organizational and other matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

### Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

#### Reports received

3. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its seventeenth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial reports:

| State party | Due in | Symbol |
|---|---|---|
| Armenia | 1995 | CRC/C/28/Add.9 |
| Austria | 1994 | CRC/C/11/Add.14 |
| Barbados | 1992 | CRC/C/3/45 |
| Belize | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.46 |
| Benin | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.51 |
| Chad | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.49 |
| Ecuador | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.44 |
| Fiji | 1995 | CRC/C/28/Add.7 |
| Georgia | 1996 | CRC/C/41/Add.4 |
| Grenada | 1992 | CRC/C/31/Add.55 |
| Guinea | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.48 |
| Hungary | 1993 | CRC/C/8/Add.34 |
| India | 1995 | CRC/C/28/Add.10 |
| Iraq | 1996 | CRC/C/41/Add.3 |
| Japan | 1996 | CRC/C/41/Add.1 |
| Kuwait | 1993 | CRC/C/8/Add.35 |
| Luxembourg | 1996 | CRC/C/41/Add.2 |
| Mali | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.53 |
| Netherlands | 1997 | CRC/C/51/Add.1 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.49 |
| Sierra Leone | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.43 |

| State party | Due in | Symbol |
|---|---|---|
| Thailand | 1994 | CRC/C/11/Add.13 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 1993 | CRC/C/8/Add.36 |
| Vanuatu | 1995 | CRC/C/28/Add.8 |
| Venezuela | 1992 | CRC/C/3/Add.54 |

4. The Secretary-General has also received the following periodic reports:

| State party | Due in | Symbol |
|---|---|---|
| Bolivia | 1997 | CRC/C/65/Add.1 |
| Honduras | 1997 | CRC/C/65/Add.2 |
| Sweden | 1997 | CRC/C/65/Add.3 |
| Yemen | 1998 | CRC/C/70/Add.1 |

## Reports due

5. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 1 November 1997 but have not yet been received are listed below.

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Bhutan | 1 September 1992 | 3 |
| Kenya | 1 September 1992 | 3 |
| Gambia | 6 September 1992 | 3 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 18 September 1992 | 3 |
| Seychelles | 6 October 1992 | 3 |
| Brazil | 23 October 1992 | 3 |
| Democratic Rep. of the Congo | 26 October 1992 | 3 |
| Malta | 29 October 1992 | 3 |
| Burundi | 17 November 1992 | 3 |
| Angola | 3 January 1993 | 2 |
| Djibouti | 4 January 1993 | 2 |
| Malawi | 31 January 1993 | 2 |
| Guyana | 12 February 1993 | 2 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 5 March 1993 | 2 |
| Bahamas | 21 March 1993 | 2 |
| Dominica | 11 April 1993 | 2 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 12 June 1993 | 2 |
| Mauritania | 14 June 1993 | 2 |
| Dominican Republic | 10 July 1993 | 2 |
| Israel | 1 November 1993 | 2 |

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Estonia | 19 November 1993 | 2 |
| San Marino | 24 December 1993 | 2 |
| Zambia | 4 January 1994 | 1 |
| Lithuania | 28 February 1994 | 1 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 5 March 1994 | 1 |
| Bahrain | 14 March 1994 | 1 |
| Albania | 27 March 1994 | 1 |
| Lesotho | 8 April 1994 | 1 |
| Latvia | 13 May 1994 | 1 |
| Central African Republic | 23 May 1994 | 1 |
| Cape Verde | 3 July 1994 | 1 |
| Equatorial Guinea | 14 July 1994 | 1 |
| Cambodia | 13 November 1994 | 1 |
| Slovakia | 31 December 1994 | 1 |
| Cameroon | 9 February 1995 | |
| Republic of Moldova | 24 February 1995 | |
| Papua New Guinea | 31 March 1995 | |
| Suriname | 31 March 1995 | |
| Greece | 9 June 1995 | |
| Liberia | 3 July 1995 | |
| Saint Lucia | 15 July 1995 | |
| Monaco | 20 July 1995 | |
| Comoros | 21 July 1995 | |
| Turkmenistan | 19 October 1995 | |
| Marshall Islands | 2 November 1995 | |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 3 November 1995 | |
| Congo | 12 November 1995 | |
| Tajikistan | 24 November 1995 | |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 24 November 1995 | |
| Gabon | 10 March 1996 | |
| Afghanistan | 26 April 1996 | |
| Mozambique | 25 May 1996 | |
| Uzbekistan | 28 July 1996 | |
| Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 11 August 1996 | |
| Nauru | 25 August 1996 | |
| Eritrea | 1 September 1996 | |
| Kazakstan | 10 September 1996 | |
| Kyrgyzstan | 5 November 1996 | |
| Samoa | 28 December 1996 | |
| Malaysia | 19 March 1997 | |
| Botswana | 12 April 1997 | |

| State party | Date due | Number of reminders sent |
|---|---|---|
| Qatar | 2 May 1997 | |
| Turkey | 3 May 1997 | |
| Solomon Islands | 9 May 1997 | |

6. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51) and 1998 (CRC/C/61). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose first periodic reports are due in 1997 (CRC/C/65) and in 1998 (CRC/C/70).

7. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/72), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.9).

## Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties

8. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the seventeenth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

### Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuesday, 6 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Maldives | (CRC/C/8/Add.33 and Add.37) |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Wednesday, 7 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| Thursday, 8 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | (CRC/C/28/Add.6) |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Friday, 9 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| Monday, 12 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Ireland | (CRC/C/11/Add.12) |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Tuesday, 13 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |
| Wednesday, 14 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Federated States of Micronesia | (CRC/C/28/Add.5) |
| | 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | " | " |
| Thursday, 15 January | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | " | " |

9. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

10. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the seventeenth session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

11. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 6. Methods of work of the Committee

12. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

13. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/40/Rev.8).

Item 7. Future meetings of the Committee

14. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 8. Other matters

15. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

Item 9. Biennial report of the Committee on its activities

16. In accordance with article 44, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the Committee shall submit, every two years, reports on its activities to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council.

17. The annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session will include the activities of the Committee at its twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions.

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